

April 27, 2006

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and member Askren attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Webber; Supt. Givens; Attorney Funkhouser; Mike Labitzke - Clark Dietz; Larry Burkhardt; Larry Williams; Steven Hahn; Stacy Durbin - Posey County Humane Society; Dennis Moore - Kiwanis; Mike Brown - Mount Vernon Jaycees; and arriving during the meeting, Barry Tanner; and Comm. Epison.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she move the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no questions on the claims, she move they be approved. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Webber reported he still only has received two quotes for preventive maintenance on the trucks, though he called for three. He then stated Fire Service, out of St. John, IN quoted \$2,900 per truck, excluding travel time which is \$75/hour and any overnight stays. He added Gerry's Automotive, out of St. Philip, IN, quoted \$1292 per truck, though he does not do ladder truck testing. He stated in that case, he can have UL do the testing. He added that Gerry's is also a local vendor.

Barry Tanner arrived at the meeting.

Board member Askren moved they accept the quote of Gerry Wilderman Automotive. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Webber then stated as of yesterday he completed the paperwork on a grant, a 50/50 match. He added they should hear shortly if they were successful.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated the VacCon truck had some leaks and also some cable issues. He added he contacted Best Equipment, who sent the parts, and Ruxer will install them. He also stated while the truck is at Ruxer, he will have the yearly maintenance done. He then stated there was a yard cave-in on Coronado, 13 feet deep, which was the city's main sewer line. He added the line had a crack in it at the bell and they will take that section out and replace with a new section.

Mayor Knowles asked who will be doing the work ?

Supt. Givens replied TMI.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is Mike Labitzke with an update on the B & M Lift Station.

Mr. Labitzke stated he will update the Board on their investigation and evaluation of the eastside lift station.

Comm. Epison arrived at the meeting.

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Mr. Labitzke stated that lift station in question pumps its waste to the lift station at Tequilas parking lot and 12 businesses are served by it. He added the existing flow is 45 gpm and the capacity is 85 gpm, which is actually oversized for what it is currently servicing. He stated some issues with the lift station are there is only one pump operational and the wet well has major acidic corrosion along the wall. He further stated that the force main, that runs along old Highway 62, is exposed and running parallel to the bridge. He added that main needs to be reinforced.

Mr. Labitzke stated the firms recommendations are as follows: the city's near future needs can be served by the existing lift station and to get that lift station in good condition would cost \$77,000.00, that would fix the current problems. He added that new development in

the area will attract even more development, and in that case, they would recommend a new lift station for that location, at a cost of \$169,000.00.

Mayor Knowles stated this is something that the Board needs to digest and think about.

Supt. Givens questioned the 85 gpm, is that one pump only, or two ?

Mr. Labitzke replied no, the other pump will act as a back up, both pumps should not run at the same time. Under normal operating conditions only one pump should be operational at a time.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated next on the Agenda is Mr. Larry Burkhart with a sewer issue. She then stated she had forgotten to remind the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Board should approach the podium and state their name and the nature of their business.

Mr. Burkhart stated he is retired on here on behalf of his mother. He stated in late January she started to experience water in her basement for the first time. He stated after investigation it was discovered it was due to the city's sewer line. He added his mother has spent around \$5,600.00 putting in a sump pump, two cleanouts, etc., which still did no good. He added at that point they were all hoping there were tree roots in the line, but that was not the case. He added Supt. Givens came out and it was discovered that there was a crack at the intersection of her line and city line, actually a 6" hole in the city line. He stated Supt. Givens came out with the VacCon truck and checked the flow and patched the hole, he was very helpful. He added his mother is asking the city to provide some relief for her expenses, as the problem was with the city line.

Mayor Knowles stated the Board may need to digest this.

Supt. Givens added he is aware of the situation out there.

Mayor Knowles again stated before any decisions are made, the Board may need to digest some of this information first.

Supt. Givens asked if the \$5,600.00 was for everything ?

Mr. Burkhart replied yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the city does not normally pay folks back when they install clean outs.

Mr. Burkhart replied that is Supt. Givens' defense, when he arrived at the scene, the map he had was incorrect.

Supt. Givens added there was a hold in the sewer line and he is not sure how long it had been there.

Mr. Burkhart stated the house was built in 1962.

Mayor Knowles stated she had not had any issues with water in her basement until this past January.

Supt. Givens added the hole looked like a perfectly cut hole.

Mayor Knowles stated the Board needs awhile to look at this and then she can get with Supt. Givens and get back with Mr. Burkhart.

Supt. Givens agreed.

Board member Askren also agreed and added if she is available she would like to be involved.

Mr. Burkhart added that is fine with him and they may contact him on his cell phone when they decide.

Mayor Knowles added they will probably take care of this tomorrow.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated next on the Agenda is Mike Brown with the Mount Vernon Jaycees.

Mr. Brown stated he really just needs to reiterate what he told the Council Monday evening. The Summerfest, he stated, has changed locations and dates for this year. He will need the streets block, he added from June 4 to the 11th with the actual festival being held June 7 to the 10th.

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He added as for the location, access to the riverfront boat ramp will be via College Avenue; the stage will be located at the alley near the Park & Recreation office, as they need to keep traffic off of the midway. He added access to the boat ramp will also be available via the gravel road at the end of Mulberry. He then stated he is present to ask permission to use the streets for the festival.

Mayor Knowles stated Comm. Epison asked on their behalf at the last meeting and it was approved.

Comm. Epison agreed.

Mayor Knowles stated she did not realize at the time that they would be changing the traffic flow. She added the Jaycees can give it a try and she hope that it works.

Mr. Brown stated the main problem they are having is with electricity, it is not readily available in the new location.

Mayor Knowles stated they were already given permission at the last meeting she would just ask that in their certificate of insurance they name the City and the Mount Vernon Industrial Foundation as additional insured

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Comm. Epison stated he is willing to help the Jaycees and he will be present at all of their functions, he would just ask that the street sweeper be used only on an "as needed" basis, instead of every night. He stated that could mean a lot of overtime for the operator.

Mr. Brown stated actually, the Jaycees might need to look at the operator's time, that might be something that the Jaycees need to pay for.

Comm. Epison thanked Mr. Brown for his consideration.

Chief Webber stated he is going to look into getting some derailleurs by the water works as well, he will talk to the railroad about that.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Mr. Dennis Moore approached the podium and stated he would like permission to use the city streets for their annual road race, Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 a.m. to around 10:00 a.m.

Chief Webber left the meeting.

Mr. Moore stated they would like to start the race at Main and Water, like last year, down Water to Maple, to Bluff, to the Port property and back, the same route as last year. He added he would also like to request a police cruiser to lead the runners; and barricades. He stated he spoke with Supt. Tate at the Park Department about using their restrooms and he indicated that was fine.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Supt. Givens stated they can use as many barricades as the sewer department has.

Comm. Epison added the street department has some as well.

Mayor Knowles moved permission to use the streets for the Kiwanis road race be given.
Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously. She then added that on their certificate of insurance she would like for them to add the city as additional insured.

Mr. Moore thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Stacey Durbin stated she is with the Humane Society and actually Barry Tanner will make the presentation.

Mr. Tanner stated they are requesting that since the humane society is a non profit organization the tap fee for their sewer service be waived. He added the building is currently on a septic system and they would like to tap the force main to feed the B & M Lift Station. He then stated Dunville will supply the pumps and the humane society will provide the check valve. He added the usage will be less than 3 gpm and he understood that Supt. Givens would like a letter from RPS giving the humane society permission to tap.

Supt. Givens agreed and added they will also need a construction permit since they will be tapping the city sewer line. He added they will need approval from the city, and before they give it, he would like the letter from RPS.

Mayor Knowles stated tap fees can not be waived, only for churches. She added Mr. Janak indicated it is unlawful to waive tap fees.

Supt. Givens replied the fee for this tap will be \$2,500.00.

Mayor Knowles suggested they get donations or hold a fundraiser.

Ms. Durbin stated she thought the city had set a precedent, as she knows of one organization that got their fee waived.

Mayor Knowles replied that has not happened in the three years she has been here and waiving one is not setting a precedent. She also stated it is not setting a precedent as these can be handled on a case by case basis. She then added Mr. Janak says it is unlawful to provide waivers of any kind, and others have requested and been denied. She added they can allow monthly payment though, that may help.

Ms. Durbin asked about the city giving a donation ?

Mayor Knowles replied she does not believe they city can use tax money for that.

Ms. Durbin stated the humane society will work something out.

Mr. Tanner asked about the payment plan ?

Supt. Givens replied he can get with them and discuss that and once they have agreed on a figure, the women at the water works office will work things out. As for the tap, he stated, it looks fine to him, though he would like to be there when the tap is made so he can inspect the line.

Board member Askren moved permission for the tap be given, pending receipt of the letter from RPS and if need be, payment plans are arranged. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Steve Hahn stated it has taken a week and a half to get in touch with IDEM on some of the issues with the Fire & Rescue sewer tap. He then added it is a misprint, it should be 3,500/month.

Mayor Knowles agreed that she had also wondered about that figure.

Mr. Hahn replied that actually they will be one of the city's smallest users.

Mayor Knowles asked if Supt. Givens was OK with the tap ?

Supt. Givens replied yes, at 200/day.

Mayor Knowles stated she believes they gave approval for the tap at the last meeting.

Supt. Givens agreed and added he would like to be present for the tap.

Mr. Hahn stated they do not anticipate infiltration as they are using 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " PVC.

Supt. Givens replied that is a small line, and questioned if there will be a clean out on each end ?

Mr. Hahn replied yes.

Supt. Givens stated it looks fine to him.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was anyone else in the Audience that wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of Comm. Epison.

Comm. Epison stated he would like approval to get some lumber to build more barricades for the Summerfest, as well as other events. He added the cost shouldn't go over \$500.00.

Mayor Knowles moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated under Old Business at the last meeting they had discussed the long term control plan and IDEM and how they could not reach an agreement on the city's progress in reference to CSO's, etc. She added there had been a meeting two or three weeks ago and IDEM expressed their discontent and as a result the city hired Mr. Andrews to work on getting the GIS coordinates. She also stated the PER is also not approved and in the meeting, she and Supt. Givens and some financial folks came to the conclusion that the engineering firm the city had was not adequate. She then contacted that firm and asked that they cease and desist any further work and the city would go with another firm, Wessler & Associates. She stated they will handle the CSO issues, the long term control plan and amendment of the PER. She added she and Attorney Funkhouser went over the contract and made some minor changes, and she just wanted the Board to be aware. She then asked if there were any questions ?

Mayor Knowles indicated the contract would be signed at a later date.

Board member Askren moved permission for Mayor Knowles to proceed be given, and that Wessler & Associates be approved as the new engineering firm. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business Theresa Bloodworth has asked that on May 20 from noon until 2:00 p.m. to use the riverfront for her piano recitals. She added she saw no problem with the request. She then moved the request be approved. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer